



# ARES Meeting Agenda - 05/15/19

- 2019 Spring Statewide ARES SET Review
- Sign up for ARES Connect
- Level 1 Training + Skills & Asset Survey
- Winlink Tip of the Month
- 2019 Emergency Expo
- Volunteer Opportunities



# 2019 Spring Statewide SET

- Things did not go swimmingly for us
- That's on me – I thought the HF antenna was OK
- Thanks to Rob, Steve F, and Corey for taking this on
- After Action Report coming in future – oral highlights:
  - Practice ARDOP P2P on HF (more below)
  - Don't send data on voice channel
  - Be sure to Tag P2P properly
  - Had lots of participants across the state
- Considering quarterly SET's
- Any thoughts to share?



# Sign up for ARES Connect

- Please sign up – over half of our roster on (13 of 24)
- Jim P, Jim H, Tom, Matt, Fritz, Justin, Steve F, Rob, Gary, Corey, Steve G, Patrick, & Rich
- <https://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/il/>
- Select “Create Account”
- Please tell me when you are signed up, so I can I get you associated with our group
- All of our known 2019 Events are loaded – you can sign up for these events



# Level 1 Training + Skills/Assets

- Thoughts, comments, questions?
- Anyone with forms to turn in?



# Winlink Tip of the Month

- For ARDOP Peer-to-Peer Winlink practice on HF
- Use the following frequency for this practice
  - 3570 KHz (Dial frequency) with a 3571.5 KHz (Center frequency)  
Upper Side Band
- Send test messages to the following stations/addresses
  - NC9IL (State AUXCOM station)
  - KC9PHK (Flora EOC)
  - WB9QPM (Shelbyville)
  - K9LJB (Springfield) [offline until after Hamvention]
  - W9DSR (Aurora) Weekdays and Evenings
- Some are personal stations and will not be on the air due to NTS traffic nets, severe weather, or other conflicts. Repeated attempts may be needed.



# Winlink Peer-to-Peer Messages

Switch “Send As:” from Winlink Message to Peer-to-Peer Message

A screenshot of the Winlink software interface for sending a message. The window title is "Enter a new message". At the top, there is a menu bar with options: "Close", "Select Template", "ICS213", "HW", "NORCAL", "Attachments", "Post to Outbox", "Spell Check", and "Save in Drafts". Below the menu bar, the "From:" field is set to "KD9ANU". The "Send as:" dropdown menu is open, showing "Peer-to-Peer Message" selected, and this entire area is circled in red. To the right of the "Send as:" dropdown is a checkbox for "Request read receipt" and a "Set Defaults" button. Below these are fields for "To:", "Cc:", "Subject:", and "Attach:". The main body of the window contains the text "73," followed by contact information for Rich Holtman - KD9ANU, Assistant Emergency Coordinator, Peoria County ARES, Home QTH - Illinois - en50eu, cell 309-256-4272 - text me!, and W9UVI - Peoria Area Amateur Radio Club (Illinois).



# 2019 Emergency Expo

- Wed, June 5, 2019, 4 to 7 pm, Shoppes at Grand Prairie
- Partnering with Peoria County EMA at their table
- Lots of kids and their parents attend
- Possible Theme: *Family Disaster Readiness*
- Remind Attendees that Everyone Should Have:
  - A Family communication plan
  - An All-Hazards/Weather radio
  - A 3 day survival kit
  - A plan for your pets
  - Knowledge of where you live, on a paper map (maybe a game)
- Other ideas or suggestions?



# 2019 Emergency Expo

- I created a promotional Brochure for ARES to use at the Expo or other such opportunities.
- Tells potential members about Peoria County ARES, and what we do.
- The two pages are printed back-to-back and fold to make a pocket size brochure.
- Looking for suggestions, comments, changes before I have some printed.





# Brochure Page 1

## Training & Skills Development

When disaster strikes, there will be much activity in a very short amount of time to get up and running and establishing emergency communications.

Agencies expect and in some cases require us to have certain basic emergency communication training before we provide communication services.

The Peoria County ARES group is committed to provide training for the necessary emergency communication support that Amateur Radio Operators are known for.

### Typical Training Opportunities:

How to Program Radios

Weather Spotting

Use of Specialized Software

Net Control Operator Practice

FEMA National Incident Management Sys.

National Traffic System Radiogram

AUXCOMM



## ARES® Features:

2 Local Nets every Month

2 Statewide Nets every Month

Informative Monthly Meeting

Simulated Emergency Test Events

Weekly Winlink Exercise

Antenna Builds

Electronic Projects

Portable Radio Go-Kits

No Membership Dues

## Check out our Web Site:

[www.peoriacountyares.org](http://www.peoriacountyares.org)

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## Peoria County ARES®



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# Brochure Page 2

## Serving Peoria County and Central Illinois

ARES® is a volunteer radio communications service organized to provide reliable primary or secondary communications links for government agencies and non-profit organizations during emergencies or public service events.

ARES® is composed of licensed amateur radio operators who have voluntarily registered their equipment and capabilities to volunteer for public service and emergency communications.

ARES® is part of the  
Amateur Radio Relay League  
(ARRL) field organization

*Peoria County ARES is affiliated with:*

The American Red Cross  
  
Peoria County  
Emergency Management Agency

*Communications Support for:*

Community Events  
  
Weather Spotting  
  
Disaster Response

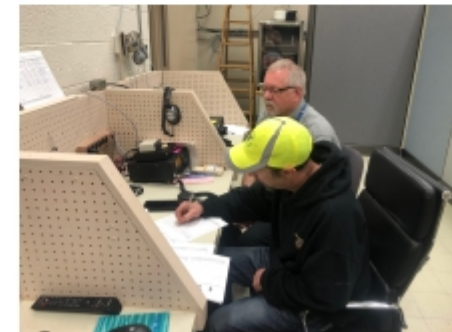


## Amateur Radio is High Tech!

Sending text messages since the 1980's!

Send Email with no Internet (Winlink)

Track & display GPS position of people, vehicles, and other assets (APRS)





# 2019 Emergency Expo

- Also thinking of a poster board & handouts:
- “Family Disaster Readiness”
  - Communication Plan
  - All-Hazards Radio
  - 3-Day Survival Kit
  - Plan for Your Pets



# Volunteer Opportunities

- Net Control Operator for ARES Wednesday Nets
- Go-Kit Session – Who is interested to organize?
- Training Coordinator
- Ideas for ARES Show and Tell
- EC – Emergency Coordinator for Peoria County



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